

Open Water Rescue

Scotland · Charity number SC051687

Details

Known as	OWR
Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2022-04-11
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	265 Kingsbridge Drive Rutherglen South Lanarkshire G73 2BP
Website	http://openwaterrescue.co.uk/

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the saving of lives'

What the charity does: Attend meetings with local authorities and category 1 responders as required to discuss and action matters relating to water safety and public realm. Attend meetings with sports governing bodies in relation to water safety. Provide safety cover at water based events as required. Attend community events for public engagement on water safety. Provide advice and guidance on water safety matters to event organisers, sports governing bodies, category 1 responders, members of the public. Regular water safety meetings are held with multiple Local Authority regions within the Greater Glasgow area. We work in partnership with the Local Authorities, Police Scotland, Scottish Fire & Rescue and Water Safety Scotland to implement and improve water safety for the general public and the provision / improvement of Public Water Rescue Equipment. Our contribution to water safety is recognised and publicised by these organisations.

Beneficiaries: 'No specific group, or for the benefit of the community'

Objectives: The organisation's purposes are: 4.1 contribute to the preservation of life by delivering drowning prevention advice and related life saving education through participation in the Award schemes of the Royal Life Saving Society (hereinafter referred to as RLSS UK) as well as other qualifications relevant to the skills required and such other activities as appropriate. 4.2 to promote the saving of lives by providing safety cover at open water events 4.3 offer appropriate assistance to government, charities and category 1 responders (as defined under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004), via mechanisms such as the membership of the Community Asset Register.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** South Lanarkshire
- **Geographical spread:** A specific local point, community or neighbourhood

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£2,084	£1,260	-	0
2024-12-31	£345	£270	-	0
2023-12-31	£6,806	£1,879	-	0
2022-12-31	£4,013	£985	-	0

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Accounts

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Receipts & Payments Accounts
Period Start Date 01/01/2025 to Period End Date 31/12/2025

	2025			2024		
	Unrestricted	Restricted		Unrestricted	Restricted	
Events/Operations	83.76	0		345	0	
Grants	0	2000		0	0	
Donations	0.70	0		0.46	0	
Other	0.00	0		0.00	0	
<u>RECEIPTS</u>	84.46	2000	2084.46	345.46	0	345.46
Events/Operations	0	0		0	0	
Training	0.00	0		0.00	0	
Maintenance	0	0		0	0	
Kit/Equipment	74.48	1000		0	0	
Sundry	185.33	0		270.55	0	
Loan Repayment	0	0		0	0	
<u>PAYMENTS</u>	259.81	1000	1259.81	270.55	0	270.55
<u>BALANCE</u>	-175.35	1000	824.65	74.91	0	74.91

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Statement of Balances
Period Start Date 01/01/2025 to Period End Date 31/12/2025

	2025			2024		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Combined	Unrestricted	Restricted	Combined
Cash and bank balances at start of year	7568.69	9203.94	16772.63	7493.78	9203.94	16697.72
Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts & pmnts acc	-175.35	1000	824.65	74.91	0	74.91
Cash and bank balances at end of year	7393.34	10203.94	17597.28	7568.69	9203.94	16772.63
Reserves	2000	0	2000	2000	0	2000
Available Balance	5393.34	10203.94	15597.28	5568.69	9203.94	14772.63

Signed by one or two committee members on behalf of the committee	Signature	Print Name	Date of Approval
			MARK MCKAY
		ANTONY COIA	02/02/26

Open Water Rescue (SC051687)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

Breakdown of Restricted Funds



year	Fund Ref	from	purpose	on	amount	date	description
2025	RF2	RLSS UK	Training		£965.90	31/12/25	Remaining funds
2025	RF4	RLSS UK	Training		£200.50	31/12/25	Remaining funds
2025	RF9	Cycling Scotland	Cycle / Trailer		£1,354.50	31/12/25	Remaining funds
2025	RF12	Scotmid	Outboard safety		£500.00	31/12/25	Remaining funds
2025	RF13	Arnold Clark	Community First Aid		£183.04	31/12/25	Remaining funds
2025	RF14	East Dunbarton Council - Gazebos			£1,000.00	31/12/25	Remaining funds
2025	RF15	ScotMid Co-op	Radios		£5,000.00	31/12/25	Remaining funds
2026	RF16	The Morrisons Founc	Community Water Safety		£0.00	31/12/25	Remaining funds
2026	RF17	NLC	Community Safety		£1,000.00	31/12/25	Remaining funds
			Restricted Funds Available		£10,203.94		

Susie King
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Thursday February 12th 2026

To whom it may concern,

**INDEPENDENT REVIEWER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF OPEN WATER RESCUE:
2025 ACCOUNTS**

I have reviewed the financial statements of **Open Water Rescue** for the year commenced January 1st 2025 and ended December 31st 2025, comprising the daily cash book, bank statements, income scans, expenses and purchase receipts.

This review was carried out under section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005.

As a result of my review, I advise that the accounts agree with the records and these are an accurate representation of the company's financial status as of December 31st 2025.

Nothing has come to my attention which would leave me to believe that there has been any expenditure which is not in accordance with the purposes of the charity or that any information has been withheld. It is my opinion that correct and proper accounting records have been kept, in compliance with Regulation 9.



Susie King (CIPS L4)
12/02/26



Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	01	2025	To	31	12	2025

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Open Water Rescue						
Other names charity is known by							
Registered charity number	SC051687						
Charity's principal address	265 Kingsbridge Drive						
	Rutherglen						
	South Lanarkshire						
	Postcode G73 2BP						

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Mark McKay	Treasurer		
2	Antony Coia	Secretary		
3	James Gallacher	Chairman		

Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document	Two tier SCIO bound by constitution
Trustee recruitment and appointment	The group MEMBERS have powers to appoint people to serve on the board (referred to as TRUSTEES)

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

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To promote the saving of lives by providing safety cover at open water events.

Offer appropriate assistance to government, charities and category 1 responders (as defined under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004), via mechanisms such as the membership of the Community Asset Register.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

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Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

An amount agreed by the Trustees is held in reserve to ensure the continued operation of the charity. This is currently set at £2,000 and is reviewed annually.

This is to cover any essential equipment maintenance or replacement, we have operational redundancy by utilising multiple boats, engines and trailers.

Details of any deficit

N/a

Donated facilities and services (if any)

N/a

Other optional information

Open Water Rescue volunteers this year have continued to engage with all our partner agencies through the Community Asset Register.

Attending PAWS (Partnership Approach to Water Safety) meetings encompassing 7 different local Authority Areas. Within these meetings our volunteers provide local knowledge on waterways and deliver water safety advice to all the partner organisations.

Volunteers have provided safety cover at events throughout Scotland with our partner organisations.

Volunteers have also attended a number of community engagement events working with the Royal Lifesaving Society UK, providing water safety advice to members of the public. 2024 was our second full year operating as a Charity (SCIO).

Open Water Rescue launched its Community Water Rescue Equipment project, after successful grants from North Lanarkshire Council and the Morrisons Foundation.

This project supports voluntary organisations that work on, near & around waterways, with Water Rescue Equipment.

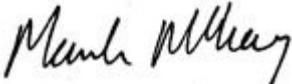

The project currently focuses on the 8 local authorities of the Greater Glasgow Region.

The charity has supported voluntary organisations that may operate around waterways but might not have water safety at the forefront of their operations. Voluntary groups such as litter pickers, football clubs, cycling and walking groups have all been supported so far.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.


Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Mark McKay	Antony Coia
Position (e.g. Chair)	Treasurer	Secretary
Date	28/03/2026	28/03/2026

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Accounts



Thursday January 6th 2025

To whom it may concern,

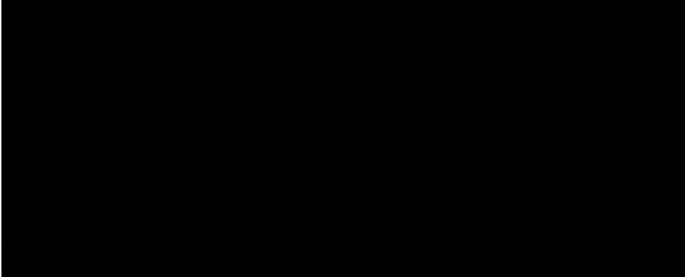
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Events/Operations	345	0		1772.22	0	
Grants	0	0		0	5000	
Donations	0.46	0		33.87	0	
Other	0.00	0		0.00	0	
<u>RECEIPTS</u>	345.46	0	345.46	1806.09	5000	6806.09
Events/Operations	0	0		359.42	0	
Training	0.00	0		0.00	150	
Maintenance	0	0		59.89	0	
Kit/Equipment	0	0		170.98	816.96	
Sundry	270.55	0		322.67	0	
Loan Repayment	0	0		0	0	
<u>PAYMENTS</u>	270.55	0	270.55	912.96	966.96	1879.92
<u>BALANCE</u>	74.91	0	74.91	893.13	4033.04	4926.17

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		[Redacted Signature and Name]	
05/02/25			

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Other optional information

2024 was our second full year operating as a Charity (SCIO).

In 2024 we attended 6 community related events. These consisted of 4 local Authority water safety events, a missing persons conference and a Scottish Parliament event.

We attended 8 meetings (not including the regular water safety meetings detailed above).

We provided a safety service at 4 organised open water events. Normally, pre-pandemic, this figure is higher, but many event organisers are still recovering from restrictions and event attendance has also not fully recovered as yet.

Open Water Rescue is registered on the Scottish Community Asset Register and as such can be deployed to any waterway in the Greater Glasgow Region (comprising of Glasgow City Council and the immediate 6 surrounding local authorities) by various agencies including Police Scotland, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service, Scottish Ambulance Service, National and local authorities, various Government Agencies and community groups. Our Volunteers can carry out various tasks including missing person searches, safety assessments of waterways and attend major incidents as deployed by the various agencies.

In 2024, there were 193* accidental drowning fatalities across the UK, according to the National Water Safety Forum (NWSF). May saw the highest number of fatalities, with 28* lives lost, according to the STA. RLSS UK reports that 83%* of these fatalities were male. The data also indicates that 63%* of accidental drownings occurred at inland waters. Everyday activities like walking and running accounted for 48%* of accidental fatalities.

*These figures are correct for year ending 2024.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)		
Position (e.g. Chair)	Treasurer	Secretary
Date	03/06/2025	04/06/2025